

STATEMENT made by Congressman Emanuel Celler, on October 12, 1952, in the YOUTH WANTS TO KNOW program of the N.B.C.-

(The question asked by Mr. Bill Martin of Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School was: "I want to know if you and Senator Nixon have ever had any legislative differences on immigration?")

REPRESENTATIVE CELLER: Well, I hesitate to say this, but Senator Nixon offered a bill in the Senate for the relief of one Nicola Malaxa, a Rumanian arms manufacturer. When the companion bill to Senator Nixon's bill came over to the House -- The Nixon Bill had passed the Senate -- it came to me as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. I saw something rather suspicious about the bill and I made inquiry about Nicola Malaxa. The bill provided that despite his violation of the immigration laws and the orders that he received to depart from this country that he might remain here as a legal resident. I discovered that this man Malaxa had had very, very questionable relations with communists. I held up the bill. The bill was not passed. Now, I think Senator Nixon is now on the defensive to tell the nation what he knows about Nicola Malaxa and why he sponsored that bill of one who apparently is a Communist to remain in this country. Here you have the young Senator proclaiming against communism. He was a member of the Un-American Activities Committee when he was in the House. In one breath he does all that, and in the other breath he seeks to keep in this country a man whom I am sure is, and is an avowed communist.

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